

Contributed Funds

Appropriations Language

Activities funded from this account do not require appropriation language since there is permanent authority to use the receipts.

Authorizing Statutes

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, (16 U.S.C. 661-668). This Act authorized the Secretary of the Interior to accept donations of land and contributed funds in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, as amended (16 U.S.C. 743b-7421). This Act authorizes loans for commercial fishing vessels; investigations of fish and wildlife resources; and cooperation with other agencies. The Service is also authorized to accept donations of real and personal property. P.L. 105-242 amends this act to authorize cooperative agreements with nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, or state and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and to promote volunteer outreach and education programs. Funds contributed by partners from sales and gifts must be deposited in a separate account in the treasury.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601-1h). This Act authorizes donations of fund, property, and personal services or facilities for the purposes of the Act.

National Wildlife Refuge System Volunteer and Community Partnership Act of 1998. (As amended through the National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Act of 2004.) Authorizes cooperative agreements with nonprofit partner organizations, academic institutions, or state and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and to promote volunteer, outreach, and education programs.

Contributed Funds		2004 Actual	2005 Enacted	Uncontrollable & Related Changes (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	2006 Budget Request	Change from 2005 (+/-)
Contributed Funds	\$(000)	3,444	4,100			4,100	0
	FTE	12	15			15	0

Program Overview

Activities in support of fish and wildlife conservation are funded from unsolicited contributions to the Service from other governments, private organizations and individuals. Donations for Visitor Centers will be collected in special projects within Contributed Funds. Congress has stipulated that the cost of new Visitor Centers will be cost shared with Friends groups and others.

Contributions are difficult to accurately forecast. They have ranged from approximately \$1.2 to \$5.6 million annually. FY 2004 receipts totaled \$3,443,833.

2004 Program Performance Accomplishments

The following projects are examples of accomplishments, and not an all-inclusive list:

- Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge (UT) – used contributed funds for the Visitor Center currently under construction.
- Bismarck WAO (ND) - used contributed funds for the South West Prairie project, Wildlife Extension Agreement, private lands projects.
- Sand Lake NWR (SD)- used contributed funds to purchase an interpretive panel for the Highway 10 turnout.
- Tewaukon NWR (ND) - contributed funds supported a White Tail trail sign project.
- Alamosa/Monte Vista NWR Complex (CO) – contributed funds helped support volunteer efforts towards biological monitoring on Monte Vista wetlands.
- Benton Lake NWR (MT) - used contributed funds for enhancement of wetlands.
- Fort Niobrara NWR (NE) - received contributions for Education Panels.
- National Elk NWR (CO) - had several contributed funds projects: Interpretation Support – cooperator donation used for interpreter salaries in conjunction with the winter sleigh ride operations; Biological/Resource Management –Earthwatch donation for a refuge Bison Dig research project used to pay staff time to excavate/backfill the dig site; Elk Management/Habitat –Wyoming Game and Fish Department donation for elk winter food used to purchase supplemental alfalfa pellets.
- Rainwater Basin (NE) – used contributed funds for GIS work .
- Register WPA (ND) – used contributed funds for a portion of the purchase costs of 1,280 Acres in Towner County.
- Kelly's Slough WPA (ND) – used contributed funds for seeding native grasses.
- Benson Towner WPA (ND) - contributed funds partially funded the on-going strategy for noxious weed control with on-site farm demonstrations and education.
- Buenos Aires NWR (AZ) – contributed funds used to enhance visitor experiences by improvements and repairs to the Brown Canyon Lodge, an environmental education facility, and improve water quality at the facility. Several trellises, which improved appearance, were installed on the visitor center grounds. Also, flyers were purchased to alert visitors to the potential danger involving illegal entrants from Mexico.
- Bitter Lake NWR (NM) – used funds contributed by a local resident for planting trees and other native vegetation on the Butterfly Trail, a short hiking trail near the refuge headquarters. The refuge has gained widespread notoriety for supporting one of the most diverse populations of dragonflies, damselflies and butterflies in North America. The trail is becoming an oasis in the desert for the butterflies, dragonflies, birds, and visitors.

- Bill Williams River NWR (AZ) – used funds from the Nature Conservancy to support work focused on the ecological effects related to dams on the river. The funds provided critical support towards achieving the Service’s goal of establishing a collaborative, science-based framework for decision-making focused on the preservation and enhancement of the flora and fauna of the refuge. The refuge has been acknowledged as the last, best, intact riparian ecosystem in the Lower Colorado River region. This combined effort, made possible with contributed funds, strives to balance the water needs of the ecosystem while fully addressing the flood control, recreation, and water supply needs of current and future generations.

2005 Planned Program Performance

The following projects are to be conducted in FY 2004 and are likely to continue into FY2005:

- Rainwater Basin (NE) – will use contributed funds for GIS work.
- Benson Towner WPA (ND) - contributed funds will partially support the on-going strategy for noxious weed control with on-site farm demonstrations and education.
- Potomac River NWRC (VA) - plans to use contributed funds to partner on projects which potentially include an observation platform, a handicapped assessable ramp to the fishing/environmental education dock, trail improvements (replacement of board walk sections, French drains, benches, etc), and gates for various access roads.

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CONTRIBUTED FUNDS**

Program and financing (in thousands of dollars)

	2004	2005	2006
Identification code 14-8216-0-7-303	Actual	Estimate	Estimate
<u>Obligations by program activity:</u>			
10.00 Total obligations	3,203	5,383	5,506
<u>Budgetary resources available for obligation:</u>			
21.40 Unobligated balance available, start of year	3,098	3,388	2,151
22.00 New budget authority (gross)	3,444	4,100	4,100
22.10 Resources available from recoveries of prior year obligations	50	45	45
23.90 Total budgetary resources available for obligation	6,591	7,533	6,296
23.95 New obligations (-)	-3,203	-5,383	-5,506
24.40 Unobligated balance available, end of year	3,388	2,151	790
<u>New budget authority (gross), detail:</u>			
Permanent:			
60.27 Appropriation (trust fund, indefinite)	3,444	4,100	4,100
70.00 Total new budget authority (gross)	3,444	4,100	4,100
<u>Change in unpaid obligations:</u>			
72.40 Obligated balance, start of year	701	738	2,501
73.10 New obligations	3,203	5,383	5,506
73.20 Total outlays (gross) (-)	-3,116	-3,575	-4,100
73.45 Adjustments in unexpired accounts (-)	-50	-45	-45
74.40 Unpaid obligations, end of year	738	2,501	3,862
74.99 Obligated balance, end of year	738	2,501	3,862
<u>Outlays (gross), detail:</u>			
86.97 Outlays from new permanent authority	792	820	820
86.98 Outlays from permanent balances	2,324	2,755	3,280
87.00 Total outlays (gross)	3,116	3,575	4,100
<u>Net budget authority and outlays:</u>			
89.00 Budget authority	3,444	4,100	4,100
90.00 Outlays	3,116	3,575	4,100

Object Classification (in thousands of dollars)

	2004	2005	2006
Identification code 14-8216-0-7-303	Actual	Estimate	Estimate
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent	273	285	297
11.3 Other than full-time permanent	269	280	292
11.5 Other personnel compensation	11	11	12
11.8 Non-Federal compensation	19	20	21
11.9 Total personnel compensation	572	596	621
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits	116	121	126
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons	110	113	115
22.0 Transportation of things	4	4	4
23.1 Rental payments to GSA	7	8	8
23.2 Rental Payments to Others	1	1	1
23.3 Communications, utilities & miscellaneous.	16	16	16
24.0 Printing and reproduction	22	22	23
25.1 Advisory and Assistance Services	0	0	0
25.2 Other Services	149	552	563
25.3 Other Services from Government Accounts	44	45	46
25.4 Operation and maintenance of facilities	19	19	20
25.5 Research and Development contracts	0	0	0
25.7 Operation and maintenance of equipment	90	91	93
25.8 Subsistence & support of persons	2	2	2
26.0 Supplies and materials	437	745	760
31.0 Equipment	99	101	103
32.0 Land and structures	1,091	1,113	1,135
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions	425	1,834	1,870
42.0 Insurance claims & indemnities	0	0	0
99.9 Total obligations	3,203	5,383	5,506

Personnel Summary			
	2004	2005	2006
Identification code 14-8216-0-7-303	Actual	Estimate	Estimate
Total compensable workyears:			
Full-time equivalent employment	15	15	15
Average Salary per FTE	36,155	37,673	39,256

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